

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Assistance for improvement of slums in Andhra Pradesh

510. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Andhra Pradesh has not been able to provide plans to accommodate slums which occupy 30 per cent in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, whether Government have agreed to provide help and assistance in improving the slums in the State;

(c) if so, to what extent Government have agreed to provide assistance under various schemes for improving the slums in the State;

(d) if so, the total amount, so far, released to the State in improving the slums; and

(e) how much has, so far, been utilised by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) me Government of Andhra Pradesh has denied not having been able to provide plans to accommodate slums in Hyderabad.

(b) to (e) Under the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP), the Government is already providing assistance in the form of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for improving the slums in the State. So far, Rs.1 1,807.89 lakhs (upto June, 2000) have been released to the State of Andhra Pradesh under this programme, out of which Rs. 6201.28 lakhs (upto June, 2000) has been utilised so far, as reported by Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Conversion of leasehold into freehold

† 511. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to convert the leasehold into freehold;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps in this direction; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) There is already a scheme in operation for conversion from leasehold system to freehold for residential properties.

(b) and (c) A scheme for conversion of land tenure rights in Delhi from leasehold to freehold for residential properties was launched on 14.02.1992. The scheme was re-examined in the light of directions given by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi *vide* its judgement dated 27.5.1994 and the following concession/remission were notified:—

- * 50% remission in conversion fee in the case of original lessee of rehabilitation colonies.
- * 33 Vj% remission in conversion fee in the case of ready built flats, and
- * 25% remission in conversion fee to lessee/allottees of other properties including cases where transfer has taken place after seeking permission of lease administering authority as per terms of lease.

The scheme was further liberalized as per orders issued on 28.6.1999, The salient features of the liberalized scheme are as under:

- (i) All residential leasehold properties, irrespective of the size, as well as premium free leases, are covered.
- (ii) The conversion charges are computed on the basis of already approved graded scale and land rates as applicable on 1.4.1987.
- (iii) The land rates of 1.4.87 for computing conversion charges were made applicable initially for a period of six months from the date of issue of orders on 27.12.1999, which were extended upto 31.3.2000 subsequently. With effect from 1.4.2000, the conversion fee is computable with reference to prevailing land rates as on the date of filing of application for freehold conversion, although applications after 31.3.2000 have not been invited.
- (iv) The conversion fee in respect of premium free leases is computable on the basis of current land rate on a graded basis as applicable to other leases.
- (v) Conversion of all leased properties was permitted irrespective of any building violations or use violations that may exist.